on which each of these promotions were made. But I may assure the House that no vacancy is kept unfilled unless it be for the reason of the proper man being on leave or for any such contingency.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Are all these hands confirmed?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.— All these are not confirmed, because some are officiating in acting vacancies.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Cannot they be confirmed if they are acting in permanent vacancies?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—In the case of a permanent vacancy which is filled by promotion it is usual in the interests both of the officer and the department to keep him on probation at least for six months.

Graduates in aided Primary Schools—Appointment in Government Schools.

36. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty. — Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of graduates working in the aided Primary Schools in the State,—

(b) whether they can be given appointments in Government schools when vacancies arise?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—(a) 4.

They have to take their chance along with others seeking Government appointments.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Won't this be a preference?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—Any experience in the teaching line will be considered as a preference, but this is a question to be considered that by the time he applies for a vacancy, he must not become age-barred.

Holidays for the State Museum.

37. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of holidays for Museum in Trichur in a year;

(b) why it is closed on public holidays;

(c) whether any complaints have been received as yet for closing it on public holidays;

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